



For the past four years, The Division of Therapeutic Recreation has been providing a disability awareness program for the children at our community centers. This program was designed to help foster a climate of acceptance for children with disabilities who participate inclusively in CRC day camp programs. As we expand our efforts, we are always searching for new ways to implement the program.

In June of 2005, TR applied for a grant from the CVS/pharmacy Charitable Trust for

the purchase of a puppetry kit designed by The Pacer Center in Minneapolis, Minnesota. The COUNT ME IN Puppetry Program is a disability awareness project which teaches inclusion and disability awareness through puppet shows.

On November 1, 2005, The Cincinnati Recreation Commission Foundation was awarded a grant in the amount of \$7,000 from the CVS/pharmacy Charitable Trust for the purchase of the puppetry kit!

We will begin featuring the puppets at our recreation centers in the summer of 2006. The kit contains 8, 3-foot-tall

puppets who will portray youngsters from diverse backgrounds with a variety of disabilities. This program seeks to foster positive attitudes and promotes easier integration between children with disabilities and children without disabilities in schools and communities. We are very excited about the impact that this program will have on promoting inclusion and disability awareness in our communities!



If you are interested in learning more about the COUNT ME IN Puppetry Program, please call Stephanie at (513)352-4055!

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